Assessment of JRY

2770. PROF. M. SANKARALING-AM: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any specific prog-ramme to augment the rural employment schemes;

(b) whether Government have undertaken any assessment regarding functioning of Jawahar Rojgar Yojana; and

(c) if so, the details of the assessment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) Two types of employment schemes i.e. wage employment and self-employment, have been in operation to augment the employment in the rural areas. Under self-employment, the schemes like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Training of Rural Youths for Self-Employment (TRYSEM), Supply of Improved Tool Kits to Rural Artisans (SITRA) and De-velopment of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) are taken up. Under Wage employment programmes, the schemes like Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Million Wells Scheme(MWS) are taken up.

(b) and (c) Two rounds of Concurrent Evaluations of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana have been conducted. The Second Round was conducted from June, 1993 to May, 1994. The study reveals that—

* Nearly 82.16 per cent of available funds were spent for community development projects.
* Construction of rural link roads received the highest priority.
* Average wages paid per manday of the unskilled workers were more or less on the lines of minimum wages prescribed under the Act.
* The wage and non-wage component of the expenditure was 53:47 By and large, payment to JRY workers was made either on a daily basis or weekly basis.

  In 86.8% cases Muster Rolls were maintained and available with the Village Panchayats.
* Of the total assets created, 76.11 per cent were found to be in good satis-factory condition.
* Roughly, 11 mandays of employment were created during the reference period. Besides, family memebrs of

  the workers also received employment during the last 30 days preceding the date of survey.
* 76.96 per cent of the assets created by Village Panchayats were of good quality.
* More than 50 per cent of elected panchayat heads were not imparted training for implementation of JRY works.
* The share of women in employment generation was less than the prescribed 30 per cent. 49.47 per cent of the works could not be completed on account of shortage of funds.
* Some discrepancies were observed in payment of wages between male and female workers.
* The use of localilly available material in various works undertaken by Panchayats was not appreciable.

Houses allotted under IAY in Andhra Pradesh,

2771. DR. D. VENKATESH-WAR RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state;

(a) the number of persons allotted houses in Andhra Pradesh under Indira Awas Yojana during the Eight Five year Plan and target fixed for the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) tne additional assistance proposed to construct more houses under

the said scheme in Andhra Pradesh devastated with cyclone and floods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) The number of houses constructed in Andhra Pradesh during the Eighth Plan period is 228608. Targets are fixed yearwise on the basis of budgetary allocation available under Indira Awas Yojana. The target for 1997-98 and 1998-99 (first two years of the IXth Five Year Plan) for Andhra Pradesh under Indira Awas Yojana are 56065 and 73645 respectively.

(b) All funds under Indira Awaas Yojana are distributed to States/UTs as per poverty ratio as approved by the Planning Commission. There is no provision for grant of additional assistance under Indira Awaas Yojana guidelines for construction of houses devastated by cyclone and floods.

Constitution of District Planning Committees

2772. SHRI YADLAPATI VEN-KAT RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State which have not yet constituted the District Planning Committees as yet envisaged by the 73rd and 74h constitutional amendments; and

(b) the steps taken to ensure implementation of the institutional amendments by all the States to ensure proper role of Panchayati Raj for various development programmes to uplift the weaker and oppressed sections of society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) The states of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Union Territories of Chandighar, Doman & Diu. NCT Delhi, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Lak-shadweep and Pondichcrry have not constituted Distict Planning Committees.

(b) Devolution of administrative and financial powers and functions upon the Panchayats to enable them function as institutions of self-government and capacity building of the representatives is a continuing process. The Government has been urging the State Government to speed up the process of devolution of powers and functions at various fora and is monitoring the progress. The Government has also constituted a Task Force under my Chairmanship to study the structure and functioning of Panchayats. This Task Force will also make recommendations to ensure proper role of panchayats for various development programmes for the poor and to make them more effective in planning and implementation of these programmes.

JRY Innnovation programme

2773 SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new programme called "JRY Innovation" was started;

(b) the details of JRY Innovation programme;

(c) the assessment of this scheme;

(d) whether vast amount of funds were sunk in ill-planned schemes; and

(e) what steps are proposed to formulate practical schemes for rural development?